

committee of transportation professionals, the awards are granted to railroads on the basis of the lowest casualty rate per 200,000 employee hours worked. This formula takes into account the volume of work performed, as well as the number of fatalities, injuries and occupational illnesses confirmed by the Federal Railroad Administration.

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company is a Class I rail system, which operates over 2,728 track miles in 11 central and south-eastern states. It was founded in 1887 with the vision of providing the most direct salt water access from the Midwest. Today Kansas City Southern has the shortest route between Kansas City and the Gulf of Mexico, serving the ports of Port Arthur, Texas, New Orleans and West Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Gulfport, Mississippi. Their commitment to safety, along with innovative business practices, makes Kansas City Southern a leader in the rail industry. Their vision of safety encompasses the wellbeing of every employee.

Thriving on the vision and principles of its parent company, Kansas City Southern, Gateway Western Rail is also a formidable force in the rail industry. As one of only four rail gateways along the Mississippi River system in St. Louis, Gateway serves as a major interchange point between eastern and western railroads. It interchanges traffic with every major rail carrier in the United States and has access to the Mississippi River via two barge terminals. Since its inception in 1990, Gateway Western has enjoyed a steady increase in business volume and an outstanding record of safety.

Kansas City Southern Railway and Gateway & Western believe in the necessity of safe worker conditions in saving lives. They cultivate an environment where employees look out for one another and actively participate in improving the safety of all workers, and an environment where employees are jointly responsible for the safety process. Kansas City Southern Railway and Gateway & Western Railway Companies are dedicated to uncompromising safety in meeting the needs of their customers, their employees, and the communities they serve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Kansas City Southern and Gateway & Western Railway Companies on receiving the Harriman Gold Award. Their commitment to putting safety first in the railroad industry serves as a national model.

EDWARD J. SANTOS MEMORIAL DEDICATION

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I am humbled today to honor an inspiring American. Edward J. Santos, a native of Lowell, Massachusetts will be honored Sunday, May 6, 2001, at a Memorial Dedication, in his hometown at Hosford Square.

Edward Santos was a true American hero. He served his nation and cared for his loved ones as a war veteran, dedicated public servant, an active member of his community and family patriarch.

As a Sergeant in the United States Army, Ed served from July 7, 1942, to December 2,

1945. During his wartime service Ed earned the Combat Infantryman, Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Occupational of Germany Medal.

Ed was a very active member of his community, playing a major roll in Lowell politics for more than 40 years. He was a Past Commander of VFW Post 662, a member of the Portuguese American Veterans, Lowell Lodge of Elks, Lowell Veterans Council, Portuguese American Civic League, Portuguese American Center, Holy Ghost Society, National Association of Letter Carriers, Lowell License Commission and a Trustee of the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. He was beloved by the membership of St. Anthony's parish where he was a member of the Holy Name Society.

Since his passing, Ed has been deeply missed by his friends and family including sons Ron, Edward Jr., James and Thomas. Ed and his lovely wife Pauline were the proud grandparents of thirteen wonderful grandchildren.

I am proud to call Edward J. Santos my friend as are the hundreds of lives he touched throughout his exceptional life.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF LINDA M. JOHNSON

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, all of us here know and appreciate the important role that a strong and capable staff plays in accomplishing the work of the House. Obviously, the same is true throughout government and the private sector and that point will be well illustrated next week with a ceremony in Long Beach, California, to honor a person who has long been a quiet but crucial part of our community.

Linda M. Johnson will retire on May 11, after more than 35 years as assistant to the Executive Director of the Port of Long Beach. Across more than three decades of service, Linda has seen the Port grow from a modest operation next to the U.S. Navy base into one of the largest port complexes in the world. Today, the Port of Long Beach is the busiest port in North America with thousands of ships dropping off or picking up merchandise worth hundreds of billions of dollars. To meet the surge in global trade, the Port of Long Beach has been forced to adapt and expand, taking over the Navy shipyard and station and investing heavily in new docks, cranes, railyards and other infrastructure.

Throughout this period of enormous growth, Linda Johnson served as the strong right arm of the port director, managing the endless flow of correspondence, reports, meetings, telephone calls and everything else that goes with a thriving business that must operate under great pressure to meet the demands of global trade. Her quiet efficiency made her a vital partner in the port's management and her unfailing courtesy to coworkers and visitors made her a friend to one and all.

When Linda started at the port in 1965, she planned to work for a year and then go on to college. Instead, she ended up staying for a long, distinguished and rewarding career that

has paid great dividends for the Port of Long Beach and our entire community. She will be missed but she will not be forgotten by all of those friends and colleagues who will gather on May 9 to wish her and her husband Bill the very best for a long, active and healthy retirement.

DOUBLING FUNDING FOR THE NIH

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that the Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus, which we initiated in 1990 to increase awareness and support for basic biomedical research, has commenced its twelfth year of briefings. With my co-chairs, Representatives SONNY CALLAHAN, NANCY PELOSI, and KEN BENTSEN, and over 100 other Members, this bipartisan Caucus has provided nearly 100 briefings where Members and staff have interacted directly with the researchers who lead the world in important scientific discoveries.

This year, we are strongly supporting the fourth step in doubling the budget of the National Institutes of Health over five years. We commend President George W. Bush for including a \$2.8 billion increase for the NIH in his FY2002 budget proposal. However, it is our hope that Congress can provide an increase of \$3.4 billion in order that the doubling commitment can be achieved within five years.

Why is this so important? What scientific evidence exists that such funding for the NIH will indeed result in better health, improved quality of life and reduction in national health care expenditures?

To answer these questions, in February we invited two distinguished biomedical research scientists to our Caucus to discuss "The Promise of Biomedical Research." First, Dr. Maxine Singer, President of the Carnegie Institution, clearly explained the need to support biomedical research infrastructure—instrumentation, facilities, information technology and strengthening science and mathematics education in primary schools.

Dr. Marc Kirschner, Chairman of the Department of Cell Biology at Harvard Medical School, was the second speaker and his comments follow this statement. We recall that in the magazine "Science" (1993), he, along with Drs. J. Michael Bishop and Harold Varmus, recommended that the NIH budget should be increased by 15% per year which would double the budget in five years. These scientists placed their reputations on the line, and I believe we can rely on them. These scientists were also part of a small group who helped us organize and conduct the Biomedical Research Caucus.

The attempt to double NIH funding actually began in 1997, with the initiative of Senators ARLEN SPECTER and TOM HARKIN along with Representative JOHN PORTER. We in the Caucus have continued to support these efforts since that time.

I believe that the clear and compelling remarks presented to the Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus by Dr. Singer and Dr. Kirschner will be helpful in our deliberations concerning this year's budget priorities.